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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE-ROC TRADE RELATIONS

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1. IN A MEETING ON JUNE 19 WITH OFFICERS OF THE FILIPINO-CHINESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT MARCOS STATED TRADE BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND TAIWAN WOULD BE CONTINUED ON A PRIVATE BASIS FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE PRESIDENT SAID ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS TRADE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR TRADE BETWEEN TAIWAN AND JAPAN. THE BULLETIN TODAY ALSO NOTED WIRE REPORTS FROM TAIWAN THAT A TAIWAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAD STATED NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCH ARRANGEMENTS HAD ALREADY STARTED.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ARRANGEMENTS STILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT, PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT LEAVES NO DOUBT ABOUT GOP INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE PHILIPPINE-TAIWAN TRADE RELATIONSHIP. ACTIVE GOP ROLE IN SETTING UP SO-CALLED PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED AND IS PRESUMABLY PART OF THE REASON FOR FORMER AMBASSADOR LAPUS' RETURN TO TAIWAN.

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